Casual labourers in Indian Airlines

1244. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual labourers employed by Indian Airlines against regular vacancies in various airports in the country;

(b) whether the casual labourers are recruited in the Indian Airlines through notification or on the basis of recommendations of individuals/organisations; and

(c) whether Government propose to abolish the system of appointing casual labourers in the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) In Indian Airlines, employment of casual/daily rated workers is resorted to against leave/absenteeism as 'Badlis' in categories like Loaders, Sweepers, Drivers, Canteen Bearers, etc.

(b) Employment of casual workers is normally resorted to amongst the persons available at the work-spots.

(c) No, Sir.

Cases investigated by CBI in respect of officials of Air India

1245. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of irregularities have been investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation in regard to the employees/executives of Air India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) in how many cases, chargesheets have been issued by the C.B.I. and

(c) in how many cases departmental enquiries have been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):

(a) Year	No. of cases
1987-88	4
1988-89	..
1989-90	2

(b) Year	No. of cases
1987-88	2
1988-89	..
1989-90	..

(c) Year	No. of cases
1987-88	2
1988-89	..
1989-90	..

Ayurvedic system of Medicine

1246. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Ayurveda system of medicine is not receiving due attention from Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that its teaching institutions are in bad shape and research work almost nil; and

(c) if so, steps being taken to restore its rightful place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Government have been trying to develop all systems of Indian medicine including Ayurveda. From a mere allocation of Rs. 40 lakhs for

the development of these systems in the First Five Year Plan: the allocation has gone to Rs. 120.05 crores durin the 7th Five Year Plan—Rs. 43.25 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 85.80 crores in the States Sector. The Planning Commission have been requested to provide more funds during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The Cental Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) have prescribed minimum educational standards for teaching of Ayurveda in all educational institutions throughout the country. Inspectors/visitors of CCIM visit Ayurvedic teaching institutions and give suggestions on improvement of standards in teaching and practical training wherever necessary. Government have set up a Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha for carrying out research in these systems with a view to strengthen them.

Payment made in ONGC Deal

1247. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 628 given the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether ONGC has initiated any action in the case of payment of remuneration by M/s, Sumitomo Corporation to M/s. Jyotsna Holding Ltd. in violation of Clause 31 of the tender conditions in respect of the ONGC contract;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the charges made against M/s. Jyotsna Holdings and damages claimed from them; and

(d) whether Government propose to recover the money deposited by Jyotsna Holdings in foreign and Indian banks, if so, what follow up action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) On receipt of information regarding payment of Commission, and explanation was sought from M/s. Sumitomo Corporation. M/s. Sumitomo Corporation replied that they had employed M/s. Jyotsna Holdings as a consultant and not as an agent. Legal opinion of the First Additional Solicitor General of India and subsequently of the Attorney General of India was taken by ONGC/GAIL.

In the light of the discussions in the Parliament and based on the opinion given by the two law officers as above, it was decided by the Department on 23-12-1989 that:

(i) ONGC and GAIL should not give any further business to the Consortium of firms that functioned in the name of M/s Sumitomo Corporation and

(ii) ONGC and GAIL be advised to initiate action for appropriate relief.

Accordingly, ONGC and GAIL had issued notices to the five firms of the Consortium for refund of the amount of commission paid.

Order have also been issued on 9-2-90 to all Public Sector Undertakings under the control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals not to give further business to the consortium.